

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A candle comprising:
a body of meltable fuel; and
a thin flat elongate wood or wood product wick disposed in the body and having an upper end extending above an upper surface of the body.
2. The candle of claim 1 wherein wood grain of the wick is generally straight and vertical.
3. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick has gum pockets.
4. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood has a moisture content of ten to twelve percent.
5. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood family of the wick is *Prunus Serotina*.
6. The candle of claim 1 wherein the species of wood of the wick is Hardwood.
7. The candle of claim 6 wherein the family of the wood of the wick is Cherry, Poplar, Maple, Birch, Beech, Basswood, Aspen, Yellow Buckeye or Oak.
8. The candle of claim 1 wherein the species of the wood of the wick is Softwood.
9. The candle of claim 8 wherein the family of the wood of the wick is Cedar, Spruce, Cypress, Pine, Pacific Yew, Silverbell or Witch Hazel.
10. The candle of claim 1 wherein the species of the wood of the wick is Tropical Wood.

11. The candle of claim 10 wherein the family of the wood of the wick is Rimo, Pillarwood, Wenge, Rosewood or Bamboo.
12. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood of the wick has a moisture content of six to fourteen percent.
13. The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel is petroleum (paraffin), mineral (montan), synthetic wax, clear candle waxes, or "gels"
14. The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel is a beeswax, carnauba, candelillia or vegetable-based wax.
15. The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel includes at least one of stearic acids, UV inhibitors, polyethylene, scent oils, or color pigments.
16. The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel is paraffin.
17. The candle of claim 16 wherein the wick has a thickness of .019-0.23 inch.
18. The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel is a vegetable-based wax.
19. The candle of claim 18 wherein the wick has a thickness of .022-.028 inch.
20. The candle of claim 18 wherein primary components of the vegetable-based wax are palm and soy.
21. The candle of claim 18 wherein primary components of the vegetable-based wax are selected from the group of palm, cotton, olive, linseed, castor, peanut, jojoba and soy.

22. The candle of claim 1 wherein the meltable fuel is a mixture of paraffin and a vegetable-based wax.
23. The candle of claim 1 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately one to six inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 to two inches.
24. The candle of claim 1 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately six to twelve inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 – six inches.
25. The candle of claim 24 wherein the number of the wicks in the candle is between one and twelve.
26. The candle of claim 1 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately twelve to twenty-four inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 to twenty inches.
27. The candle of claim 26 wherein the number of the wicks in the candle is between one and twenty.
28. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood or wood product comprises two sheets of wood with a flat piece of cotton sandwiched therebetween.
29. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick comprises pressed wood with bits of fiber and adhesive in the pressed wood.
30. The candle of claim 30 wherein the fibers are cellulose materials, cotton, hemp, rayon, linen, paper and /or flax.
31. The candle of claim 29 wherein the adhesive is resin, gum, or natural glue.

32. The candle of claim 1 wherein the body is cylindrical and has a diameter of six inches and the wick is at the axial center of the body.
33. The candle of claim 32 wherein the wick has a width of one and 1/4 inches.
34. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is sealed with wax.
35. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick substantially comprises cellulose and lignin.
36. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick comprises wood particles and gum.
37. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is bleached.
38. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is dyed.
39. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick has printed images.
40. The candle of claim 38 wherein the meltable fuel is synthetic wax, clear candle waxes or "gels".
41. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is configured in a selected decorative shape as viewed from above.
42. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is straight or curved vertically.
43. The candle of claim 1 wherein the body is cylindrical, elliptic, orbicular, parallelepiped, polyhedron, or organic form and has a diameter of two to twelve inches and the wick is at the axial center of the body.

44. The candle of claim 42 wherein the wick has a width of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to six inches.
45. The candle of claim 1 wherein the body is cylindrical, elliptic, orbicular, parallelepiped, polyhedron, or organic form and has a diameter of twelve to twenty-four inches and the wick is at the axial center of the body.
46. The candle of claim 45 wherein the wick has a width of one inch to twelve inches.
47. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick has a thickness of .019-.028 inch and a width of $\frac{1}{8}$ to twelve inches.
48. The wick of claim 46 wherein the primary thickness of the wick is .023 - .026 inch.
49. The wick of claim 46 wherein the primary width of the wick is $\frac{3}{16}$ to three inches.
50. The candle of claim 47 wherein the wick has a height of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to four feet.
51. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick has a height of one inch to six feet.
52. The wick of claim 51 wherein the wick has a primary height of one to nine inches.
53. The candle of claim 1 further comprising a wick holder in a base of the body, the wick holder having an elongate slot in which a lower end of the wick is received.
54. The candle of claim 53 wherein the slot has a width of $\frac{1}{4}$ to twelve inches and a thickness of .018 to .03 inch.
55. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is rigid such as to be capable of being freestanding.

56. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick is rigid such as to be capable of being vertically, flat comprising a wick holder.
57. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood or wood product is a pressed wood particle/powder product or a high density fiberboard material.
58. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wick extends between 1/16 to 1/4 inch above the upper surface.
59. The candle of claim 1 wherein the fuel is a paraffin-based fuel and the wick extends 1/8 inch above the upper surface.
60. The candle of claim 1 wherein the fuel is a vegetable-based fuel and the wick extends 3/16 inch above the upper surface.
61. The candle of claim 1 wherein at least one of the body and the wick includes scented oil.
62. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood or wood product is selected from the group of poplar, cherry, maple, wenge, oak, rosewood and bamboo.
63. The candle of claim 1 wherein the wood or wood product has the wood grain thereof extending longitudinally on the wick.
64. The candle of claim 1 further comprising a container having the body disposed therein.
65. A candle comprising:
a body formed of a meltable fuel; and

a planar wick disposed in the body and having an upper end extending beyond an upper surface of the body.

66. The candle of claim 65 wherein the meltable fuel is petroleum (paraffin) wax, mineral (montan) wax, synthetic wax, and clear candle waxes or "gels".

67. The candle of claim 66 wherein the wick has a thickness of .019-.023 inch.

68. The candle of claim 65 wherein the meltable fuel is a beeswax, carnauba, candelillia or vegetable-based wax.

69. The candle of claim 68 wherein the wick has a thickness of .022-.028 inch.

70. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is rigid so as to be capable of being freestanding.

71. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is made of wood or a wood product.

72. The candle of claim 71 wherein the wick is made of poplar or cherry wood.

73. The candle of claim 71 wherein the wick is made of a pressed wood particle or powder product.

74. The candle of claim 71 wherein the wick is made of a high density fiberboard material.

75. The candle of claim 71 wherein the wick has a width of between 1/8 and 3 inches.

76. The candle of claim 71 wherein the wick has a moisture content of between ten and twelve percent.

77. The candle of claim 71 wherein the wick is made of a cotton and wood construction.

78. The candle of claim 71 wherein the wick has a width of approximately 1 ¼ inches and the body has a diameter of approximately six inches.

79. The candle of claim 71 wherein the wick extends between 1/16 and 3/16 inch above the upper surface.

80. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick extends 1/8 inch above the upper surface.

81. The candle of claim 65 wherein the fuel is paraffin.

82. The candle of claim 65 wherein the fuel is a vegetable-based wax.

83. The candle of claim 82 wherein primary components of the vegetable-based wax are palm, cotton, olive, linseed, castor, peanut, jojoba and soy.

84. The candle of claim 65 wherein the planar wick is formed of unwoven, fibrous material.

85. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is sized relative to the body to correlate the wick's burn rate with the material of the body to thereby provide an even depletion of the meltable fuel.

86. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick comprises wood.

87. The candle of claim 65 wherein the meltable fuel is a mixture of paraffin and a vegetable-based wax.
88. The candle of claim 65 wherein the meltable fuel includes at least one of stearic acids, UV inhibitors, polyethylene, scent oils, and color pigments.
89. The candle of claim 65 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately one to six inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 to two inches.
90. The candle of claim 65 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately six to twelve inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 – six inches.
91. The candle of claim 90 wherein the number of the wicks in the candle is between one and twelve.
92. The candle of claim 65 wherein the body has a diameter of approximately twelve to twenty-four inches and the wick has a width of 1/8 - twenty inches.
93. The candle of claim 92 wherein the number of wicks in the candle is between one and twenty.
94. The candle of claim 65 wherein the planar wick comprises two sheets of wood with a flat piece of cotton sandwiched there between.
95. The candle of claim 65 wherein the planar wick comprises pressed wood with bits of fiber and adhesive in the pressed wood.
96. The candle of wick of claim 95 wherein the fibers are cellulose materials, cotton, hemp, rayon, linen, paper and /or flax.

97. The candle of claim 95 wherein the adhesive is resin, gum, or natural glue.
98. The candle of claim 65 wherein the exterior of the wick is sealed with wax.
99. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is largely of cellulose and lignin.
100. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick comprises wood particles and gum.
101. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wood of the wick is selected from a group consisting of poplar, cherry, maple, wenge, oak, rosewood, and bamboo.
102. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is made of wood combined with cotton.
103. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is made of wood bonded with natural adhesives or resins.
104. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is made from trees or shrubs and consists substantially of cellulose and lignin.
105. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is made from leaves or bark and consists substantially of cellulose and lignin.
106. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick has indicia printed on a flat surface thereof.
107. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is bleached or dyed.
108. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is curved vertically.

109. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick comprises a rigid, solid sheet material consisting substantially of cellulose and lignin.

110. The candle of claim 65 further comprising a wick holder which holds the wick.

111. The candle of claim 110 wherein the wick holder includes a base and a slotted support for receiving the wick extending from the base.

112. The candle of claim 65 further comprising a container in which the body is disposed.

113. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick is configured in a decorative shape as viewed from above.

114. The candle of claim 65 wherein the wick has a width greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, is rigid so as to be capable of being freestanding and is made at least substantially of wood or cellulose/lignin material.

115. A candle comprising:

a body formed of a meltable fuel; and

a planar wick disposed in the body and having an upper end extending beyond an upper surface of the body, wherein the wick is formed essentially of wood selected from a group consisting of poplar, cherry, maple, wenge, oak, rosewood, and bamboo.

116. The candle of claim 115 wherein at least one of the body and the wick includes scented oil.

117. The candle of claim 115 further comprising a wick holder having a base and a support for receiving a bottom end of the wick.

118. The candle of claim 115 wherein the wood has a moisture content of 10-12 percent.

119. A method of making a candle, comprising:
combining a planar wick and a body of meltable fuel such that the planar wick extends beyond an upper surface of the body.

120. The method of claim 119 wherein the combining includes maintaining the wick in a set position and dispensing the meltable fuel about the wick in a non-solid form and allowing the dispensed meltable fuel to solidify.

121. The method of claim 120 wherein the planar wick comprises wood.

122. The method of claim 121 wherein the wood is selected from a group consisting of poplar, cherry, maple, wenge, oak, rosewood, and bamboo.

123. The method of claim 121 wherein the wood has a moisture content of 10-12 percent.

124. The method of claim 119 further comprising setting the wick in a wick holder.

125. A method of making a candle, comprising:
forming a body of meltable fuel having a top surface and a slot engaging the top surface and extending down at least a substantial distance of a height of the body; and
inserting a wick into the slot.

126. The method of claim 125 wherein the wick is an elongate planar wick.

127. The method of claim 125 wherein the wick is rigid so as to be capable of being straight freestanding.

128. The method of claim 125 wherein the wick is made of wood or wood product.

129. The method of claim 125 wherein the forming includes positioning an elongate member so that it extends down into a candle mold in a desired position relative thereto; and dispensing the meltable fuel in a flowable condition into the mold around the elongate member; after the dispensing, allowing the fuel to solidify; and thereafter and before the inserting, removing the elongate member from the solidified fuel.

130. The method of claim 129 wherein the positioning includes positioning a positioning device on the mold and the elongate member extending down from the positioning device.

131. The method of claim 130 wherein the positioning includes positioning the positioning device such that it centers the elongate member relative to the mold.

132. The method of claim 131 wherein the positioning the positioning device includes engaging the positioning device on a rim of the mold.

133. The method of claim 130 wherein the forming includes positioning the elongate member in a held position on the positioning device.

134. The method of claim 125 wherein before the inserting, the wick is coated with wax.

135. The method of claim 125 further comprising after the forming, inserting a wick positioning device having a slot in a bottom of the body.

136. The method of claim 135 further comprising inserting a bottom end of the wick in the slot.

137. A candle making assembly, comprising:
an elongate member; and
a positioning device adapted to engage a candle mold so as to position the elongate member so that it extends down into the candle mold in a wick position.

138. The assembly of claim 137 wherein the positioning device includes a holding device for the elongate member and a pair of support arms extending out from the holding device for engaging a top of the candle mold.

139. The assembly of claim 138 wherein the arms include a plurality of spaced recesses for engaging rims of candle molds of different diameters.

140. The assembly of claim 138 wherein the holding device includes a plurality of resilient fingers for holding elongate members of different widths.

141. A wick sustain device, comprising:
a base member; and
structure extending up from the base member and defining an upwardly-disposed slot having a height of .20 to .40 inch and a width of .25 to 12 inches.

142. The device of claim 141 wherein the height is approximately ½ inch.

143. The device of claim 141 wherein the width is .07 inch.

144. The device of claim 141 wherein the structure includes a pair of opposing plates defining the slot therebetween.

145. The device of claim 144 wherein one of the plates is approximately .10 inch taller than the others.

146. The device of claim 144 wherein the plates are arcuately shaped.
147. The device of claim 141 wherein the base member comprises a plate.
148. The device of claim 147 wherein the base member is round, square, rectangular or oval.
149. The device of claim 148 wherein the base member has a diameter of $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 inches.
150. The device of claim 141 wherein the base member and the structure are formed as a single piece of clear plastic material.
151. A wick holder comprising:
a body having a top surface, a bottom surface, two upper walls connected to the top surface and the bottom surface, and a planar bore adapted to receive a planar wick passing through the two upper walls; and
a barrier extending horizontally through the upper walls.
152. The wick holder of claim 151 wherein the body is made from a polymer and a ceramic.
153. The wick holder of claim 151 wherein the body is made from polyethersulfone.
154. The wick holder of claim 151 wherein the body has a thickness of $\frac{1}{32}$ inch.
155. The wick holder of claim 151 wherein the body is non-combustible and intumescent when heated.

156. The wick holder of claim 151 wherein the body is flat, the walls are flat and the barrier is part of the design where the slot/bore stops the wick keeping it from the top of the body.

157. The wick holder of claim 151 wherein the barrier is the raise portion under the wick slot.